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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 269**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Eng**  
**(~~Coauthor: Assembly Member Dymally~~ Coauthors: Assembly**  
**Members Davis, Dymally, and Laird)**

February 5, 2007

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An act to add Section 1715.5 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 269, as amended, Eng. Dentists: dental auxiliaries: licensure renewal.

The Dental Practice Act provides for the licensure and regulation of dentists ~~and dental auxiliaries~~ by the Dental Board of California, *and provides for the licensure and regulation of dental auxiliaries by the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries*. The act requires each licensee to apply to the board *or the committee, as appropriate*, for license renewal.

This bill would require a licensee, as specified, to report, upon his or her initial licensure and any application for license renewal, information regarding his or her specialty board certification and practice status and would authorize this information to be posted on the board's *or the committee's* Internet Web site. The bill would authorize a licensee, including a dental auxiliary licensee, to report cultural background and foreign language proficiency ~~to the board~~ in his or her licensure renewal application, and would require that this information be compiled and

reported on the board's *or the committee's* Internet Web site on or before July 1 of each year. The bill would require the board *and the committee* to take certain actions to phase in this reporting mechanism by January 1, 2009.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to determine  
2     the number of dentists and licensed or registered dental auxiliaries  
3     with cultural and linguistic competency who are practicing dentistry  
4     in California.

5     (b) Collecting data on dentists and dental auxiliaries serving  
6     any given area allows for the consistent determination of the areas  
7     of California that are underserved by dentists and dental auxiliaries  
8     with cultural or linguistic competency.

9     SEC. 2. Section 1715.5 is added to the Business and Professions  
10    Code, to read:

11    1715.5. (a) A licensee shall, upon his or her initial licensure  
12    and any subsequent application for renewal, report the completion  
13    of any advanced educational program accredited by the Committee  
14    on Dental Accreditation in a dental specialty recognized by the  
15    American Dental Association.

16    (b) The licensee shall also report ~~to the board~~, upon his or her  
17    initial licensure and any subsequent application for renewal, the  
18    practice or employment status of the licensee, designated as one  
19    of the following:

20    (1) Full-time practice or employment in a dental practice of 32  
21    hours per week or more in California. This reporting requirement  
22    shall also apply to a dental auxiliary licensee.

23    (2) Full-time practice or employment in a dental practice outside  
24    of California.

25    (3) Part-time practice or employment in a dental practice for  
26    less than 32 hours per week in California.

27    (4) Dental administrative employment that does not include  
28    direct patient care, as may further be defined by the board.

29    (5) Retired.

30    (6) Other practice or employment status, as may be further  
31    defined by the board.

1 (c) Information collected pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be  
2 posted on the ~~board's Internet Web site~~ *Internet Web site of the*  
3 *board or the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries (COMDA), as*  
4 *appropriate.*

5 (d) (1) A licensee, including a dental auxiliary licensee, may  
6 report ~~to the board~~, in his or her application for renewal, and the  
7 board *or COMDA, as appropriate* shall collect, information  
8 regarding the licensee's cultural background and foreign language  
9 proficiency. This requirement shall be phased in by January 1,  
10 2009, as provided in paragraph (2).

11 (2) Prior to collecting information beginning on January 1, 2009,  
12 pursuant to this subdivision, the board *and COMDA* shall, on or  
13 before the preceding March 1, prepare the survey questions and  
14 prepare for a test run of dental students to ensure the efficiency of  
15 the data being collected. On or before the preceding July 1, the  
16 board *and COMDA* shall advise ~~its~~ *their* licensees that ~~it is~~ *they*  
17 *are* collecting this data before commencing collection of data under  
18 this subdivision. On or before the preceding October 1, the board  
19 *and COMDA* shall conduct the test run of dental students and make  
20 appropriate changes to the survey questions prior to data collection  
21 implementation.

22 (3) Information collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be  
23 aggregated on an annual basis, based on categories utilized by the  
24 board *and COMDA* in the collection of the data, into both statewide  
25 totals and ZIP Code of primary practice or employment location  
26 totals.

27 (4) Aggregated information under this subdivision shall be  
28 compiled annually, and reported on the ~~board's Internet Web site~~  
29 *Internet Web site of the board or COMDA, as appropriate*, on or  
30 before July 1 of each year.

31 (e) *It is the intent of the Legislature to utilize moneys in the State*  
32 *Dental Auxiliary Fund to pay any cost incurred by the Committee*  
33 *on Dental Auxiliaries in implementing this section.*